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The Oxford Herbarium. — A little pamphlet of twenty pages,¹ prepared by Mr. Druce, the curator of the Fielding herbarium, gives some interesting statistics of the important collections of Oxford, which commence with a set of 300 specimens collected by the Italian, Gregory of Reggio, in 1606, and contain such historic herbaria as that of the Bobarts, Morison, Du Bois, Sherard, Shaw, and Sibthorp of the last century, and a host of more modern collections. While in an introduction to the pamphlet Professor Vines states that it cannot be hoped to accumulate at Oxford collections to rival those of Kew or of the British Museum, those already brought together are seen to number hundreds of thousands of sheets, and the aim is stated to be to render the Oxford herbarium as complete as possible in plants representing the flora of Europe and the adjacent Mediterranean region. T.

Botany at Geneva. — To the numerous publications devoted wholly or in part to botany which have clustered about the long-time home of the De Candolles is now added another, the *Annuaire du conservatoire et du jardin botanique de Genève*, edited by Dr. John Briquet, who also edits the excellent *Bulletin du laboratoire de botanique générale de l'université de Genève*. The new *Annuaire*, which appears as the official organ of the two botanical institutions of the city of Geneva, is intended to constitute each year a volume of from 130 to 250 pages, giving information as to the condition of the garden, progress made, and the growth and scientific utilization of the collections, as well as original articles based wholly or in part on the material of the conservatory and garden.

The first volume,² which has recently appeared, contains an interesting report on the garden and the Delessert herbarium for the year 1896, two seed lists, and the following scientific papers: Crépin, a revision of the roses of some old Swiss herbaria; Arvet-Touret, a revision of the Hieracia of the herbarium of the younger Haller; an account of new or little-known species of the same genus, chiefly of the Delessert herbarium; and a description and plate of *Crepidopsis*, a new genus of Mexican composites related to *Hieracium* (based on Pringle's No. 1654, of the year 1888); and Kränzlin, a description of two new species of *Habenaria*, respectively from Java and the Philippines. T.

¹ *An Account of the Herbarium of the University of Oxford.* Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1897. Price, sixpence.

² *Annuaire du conservatoire et du jardin botanique de Genève.* 1^{re} année. Genève, Georg et Cie., 1897. 143 pp., 1 pl. 5 francs.